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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SWISS PURCHASE OF NORTHROP F-5E

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1. SWISS MEDIA, PARTICULARLY TELEVISION, HAS GIVEN PROMINENT ATTENTION THIS WEEK TO REPORTED RECOMMENDATION BY MILITARY DEPARTMENT THAT GOS CONFINE CURRENT EVALUATION OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT TO NORTHROP F-5E. REPORTS, BASED ON NEWS AGENCY INFORMATION, MENTIONED POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF 90 AIRCRAFT, RELATIVELY LOW COST, AND SIMPLICITY OF OPERATION. VARIOUS ACCOUNTS ARE, HOWEVER, CONFUSED AND SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY AS TO WHETHER ONLY F-5E OR ALSO OTHER AIRCRAFT REMAIN IN CONTENTION.

2. FOLLOWING REGULAR WEEKLY FEDERAL COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 16, SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COUNCIL WOULD PROBABLY TAKE DECISION RE EVALUATION NEW AIRCRAFT AT ITS NEXT MEETING (I.E. JANUARY 23). SPOKESMAN REFUSED COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS NOTED PARA 1 ABOVE.
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